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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Appearance of DCI before Senate Foreign Relations -
Tuesday, 6 March 1962, 4:00 p.m.

1. In accordance with previous arrangements, the Director appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in executive session to discuss the Powers case. The hearing began at four o'clock and ran for approximately two hours. There was a technical sweep of the room and a transcript was taken. Present from the Agency were:

John A. McCone, Director of Central Intelligence

Lawrence R. Houston, General Counsel

John S. Warner, Legislative Counsel

[redacted] Intelligence Officer

[redacted] Consulting Psychologist

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Present from the Committee were the following Senators:

J. S. Fulbright, Chairman

John Sparkman

Bourke B. Hickenlooper

Frank J. Lausche

George D. Aiken

Stuart Symington

John J. Williams

Present from the staff of the Committee were:

Phillip Carlson, Staff Assistant

Donald G. Henderson, Consultant

Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff

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2. The Director followed basically the same pattern as the House Foreign Affairs, that is, he read from his prepared notes which took up the various aspects surrounding the case which supplemented the released unclassified statement. After approximately an hour, all members present seemed basically satisfied and in fact Williams and Lausche urged that the Senate Committee take official action to approve the report presented by the Agency to assist in removing any doubts remaining in the case.

3. Senator Fulbright then turned to some basic questions on the Agency and its relationship with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. In addition, he raised the issue of McCarthy's Joint Committee resolution which was before the Foreign Relations Committee for action. Fulbright asked questions as to the number of employees, number of agents, how many employees were in Washington, and our budget. Mr. McCone supplied these figures and later requested that the budget figure be considered very confidential and be stricken from the record.

4. An interesting discussion developed on the Joint Committee with the Director pointing out that he recognized the legitimate concern of the Foreign Relations Committee with respect to the Agency but suggested for their consideration that a Joint Committee would not solve this problem but in fact would complicate it. He pointed out that a Joint Committee on Intelligence probably would hold to itself the information it received much as did the Joint Atomic Energy Committee and, consequently, Senate Foreign Relations would undoubtedly get less information concerning intelligence and CIA than under the current setup. Lausche strongly agreed with this view and Sparkman also agreed. It is believed that Fulbright was very impressed by this argument. It should be noted that during these later discussions these three Senators were the only ones left. However, Fulbright persisted by asking the Director for his recommendation as to a solution. The Director speculated that possibly there could be some informal arrangement with appropriate coordination with Senate Armed Services.

5. That part of the meeting which dealt with the Agency and its relationship with Senate Foreign Relations will be carefully studied and analyzed for appropriate action, if any. The meeting closed at about 6:15 p.m.

cc: IG

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